Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether non-caste Hindus are given admission into the palace now-a days ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes ?

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know on what basis the Director of Public Instruction is saying that non-caste Hindus are not admitted into the schools situated near palaces, temples or Brahmin villages ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : The whole question is under consideration and we are trying to find less objectionable sites to which the schools can be transferred.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether any step has been taken by the Director in regard to that matter ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know how long it is since any action is taken by the Director ?

Mr. C V. Chandrasekharan : About two years. Four or five schools were actually thrown open to all classes, irrespective of caste or creed. In the case of schools at Monkombu and Ennakad and Eruwayil, unobjectionable sites have been acquired and the P. W. D. are carrying out the construction of necessary buildings. They will be completed before the end of 1111

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether the member can ascribe any reason as to why non-caste Hindus are not admitted while non-Hindus are admitted in certain schools ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Non-Hindus are not regarded as polluting castes, I suppose.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know the basis of that information ?

Mr. C V. Chandrasekharan : I have qualified all my answers by the expression "I presume so" or "I think so". I am not an authority on the matter.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : Then, is that the member's personal view of the matter ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai : On a point of order Has not the Government got a responsibility in answering questions ?

President : In certain matters members can have their personal views.

Measures to relieve the ryots of their hardships due to the prevailing drought.

203. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have got reports or representations from the officers or th-

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[Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai.]

public regarding the prevailing unprecedented drought and the consequent hardships to the ryots, and, if so, what special measures, if any, do they propose taking to give relief to the people?

Mr. K. George: Government have received representations from the public regarding the drought in 1110. The matter was also prominently brought to the notice of Government by means of a resolution in the Sri Chitra State Council and an adjournment motion in the Sri Mulam Assembly. Government obtained detailed reports showing the actual state of affairs in various parts of the State, and, after careful consideration of all the circumstances, sanctioned the following reliefs by way of general remission of tax and water-cess due from the ryots for the Kumbhom crop of 1110:—

(1) In the case of *ayacut* wet lands and post settlement tank-bed registries in Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks, the percentage of land revenue remission for Kumbhom crop was raised from $18\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. to 50 per cent. and made to apply to the water-cess borne on those lands as well.

(2) where the crops on dry land conversions both regular and irregular in those two taluks completely failed for the Kumbhom crop, complete remission of water-cess was granted for that crop and, where there was only partial failure, 50 per cent. remission of the water-cess due for that crop was granted.

(3) Water-cess for the Kumbhom crop on dry land conversions in the Kalkulam taluk, the crops on which failed completely, was remitted as a special case.

(4) Karivu remission for the Kumbhom crop on ayacut wet lands, post-settlement tank-bed registries, etc, in Kalkulam and Vilavankod taluks had been ordered to include also the water-cess charged on them.

(5) All wet lands including dry land conversions, the crops on which completely failed on account of drought for the Kumbhom crop, were allowed remission in the taluks of Kalkulam, Vilavankod, Neyyattinkara, Trivandrum, Nedumangad and Chirayinkil even though the parties might not have preferred applications therefor.

(6) In the case of wet lands as well as dry land conversions in the above taluks, the paddy crops on which escaped complete destruction, the $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. general remission was raised to 25 per cent. for the Kumbhom crop alone, in view of the very low yield obtained and in the case of lands in the Kalkulam and Vilavankod taluks this 25 per cent. remission was extended to water-cess also; and

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(7) The tax for the Kumbhom crop was remitted, as a special case, in the case of punja lands in the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks on an extent of 200·34 and 465·58 acres respectively the crops on which were completely destroyed by the drought.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether any special concession was given for the Kanni and Kumbhom crops of 1111?

Mr. K. George: The question in the agenda relates to the drought in 1110. Is it in order, Sir, for the member to raise, the question of the relief measures undertaken in 1111?

President: No.

Engagement of private legal practitioners to conduct Sirkar cases.

204 ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Sirkar Vakils are there to conduct Sirkar cases in the High Court and in the various District and Sessions Courts in the State and what are their respective salaries;

(*b*) whether Government have appointed private practitioners as Vakils for conducting cases on their behalf; and, if so, in how many cases during 1105 to the end of Tulam 1111;

(*c*) what is the nature of each such case; and

(*d*) what was the remuneration fixed or paid to the Vakils as fee and travelling allowances for conducting each case?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)

Name of Court.	*No. of Sirkar Vakils attached thereto.*	*Salary.*
High Court ...	2	Rs 250 each
Nagercoil District Court ...	1	Rs. 200 (not pensionable)
Trivandrum District Court.	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	Rs. 150-10/2-200 each.
Quilon District Court ...	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	
Alleppey District Court ...	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	
Kottayam District Court ...	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	
Parur District Court ...	1 Permanent	

(*b*) Yes, in [illegible] cases

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